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bject : **THREE MOUNTAIN POWER PROJECT ~ Staff s November 17, 2000 Status Report**

The Three Mountain Power Project Committee s October 12, 2000 order **Notice of Revised Schedule** directed parties to file a status report on the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month through conclusion of the evidentiary hearings. This is staff s November 2000 status report in response to the order.

Four key events occurred since our last status report: 1) on November 3, 2000 staff filed Part 2 of its Final Staff Assessment;<sup>1</sup> 2) on November 13, the applicant provided its final edits to the Biological Resources Mitigation, Implementation and Monitoring Plan and other information which was needed to make the Biological Assessment Complete; 3) on November 17, 2000 parties filed their testimony on Part 2 issues; and 4) on November 20, 2000 staff filed Part 3 of its FSA, which addresses Soil & Water Resources, Biological Resources and Alternatives.

Staff regrets the late filing of its FSA Part 3. As such, we believe that it would be appropriate to delay the filing date for other parties' testimony on Soil & Water Resources, Biological Resources and Alternatives to December 4, 2000, rather than from November 29, 2000. We also believe the filing of Rebuttal Testimony should be changed to December 8, 2000 from December 5. The filing of Prehearing Conference statements on December 7, 2000, the Prehearing Conference on December 8, 2000, and the Hearings on December 18, and 19, would not be delayed.

Staff received substantial comments on its verifications for its proposed air quality conditions of certification. Staff intends to file errata correcting any errors in the air quality verifications and for other testimony by December 1, 2000.

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<sup>1</sup> The topic areas addressed in Part 2 include: project description, air quality, land use, noise, power plant efficiency, power plant reliability, public health, visual resources, and waste management.